Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Fern Amelia McLeod was born on October 20, 1912, on the family farm near Hartford, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Fern attended a one room country school, graduated from Hartford High School in 1930, and received her teaching degree from Eastern State Normal School (Dakota State University) at Madison, South Dakota, in 1931. Fern taught country school at Lake County, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Fern married Alvin Johnson on April 6, 1935, giving life and love to one daughter, Carol, and was further blessed with two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Fern and Alvin made their first home in Madison and later moved to Sioux Falls to farm; and,

Whereas, Fern worked for JC Penny in the 1960s and is a long-time member of the Hartford Methodist Church and County Extension; and,

Whereas, Fern will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2012, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her family and friends in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K Miller /Deputy

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State